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REMARKS

Status of Present Application

Claims 1, 3, and 9 have been amended and claims 1-3 and 9 are pending in the present application. No new matter has been added.

Specification

Applicants have corrected various typographical errors in the specification. No new matter has been added.


Claims

Claims 1, 3, and 9 have been amended to more clearly define the invention based on discussions with Examiner Mertz during a telephone interview of October 27, 2004. The foregoing claim amendments were not in response to any objection or rejection. These amendments are supported in the specification and, thus, no new matter has been added.

A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited in the present application. If the Examiner views this response as not placing the above application in condition for allowance, the Examiner should consider this a request for an interview with the undersigned attorney to clarify any unresolved issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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